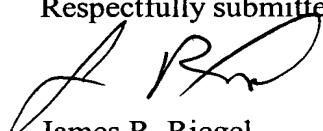


REMARKS

Claims 19-24 are pending in this application. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled, and claims 19-24 have been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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